

Honorable A. S. Mike Monroney
The United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mike:

With reference to your letter of April 1, 1960, I fully share your concern and that of your correspondents over the amount of detailed technical information that is made available to potential enemies by various publications.

I have made the same point in public addresses and in interviews for several years, e.g., U. S. News and World Report, March 19, 1954, "We Tell Russia Too Much."

Certainly in the Intelligence field we would be far ahead of where we now are if the Russians publicized their weapons systems, techniques and deployments with a fraction of the openhandedness that exists in this country. They know the value of security and practice it rigorously; in fact, they regard it as one of their major strategic assets, as shown in current and past negotiations looking toward inspected international arms control.

Whether in a free society we can do anything effective to redress the balance of sensitive information disclosure, I do not know, but I am sure that it is a matter that can well command the earnest attention of members of the Congress.

I should welcome a chance to discuss this question with you in more detail as there is no easy remedy.

Sincerely,

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